



CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS

COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN

**PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES
ELEMENT**

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

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CHAPTER VIII - PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL 1: IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Support School Board efforts to ensure that adequate capital facilities and technology resources are available to support the educational mission of public schools.

Objective 1.1: School Concurrency

Work with the Miami-Dade County School Board to adopt a School Concurrency Program to ensure the adequate supply of schools to serve the student population in the City of Miami Gardens.

Monitoring Measures: Reduction in overcrowding to be below adopted Level of Service or in its absence 100% of Permanent F.I.S.H. by year 2015 per Miami-Dade School District 5-Year Capital Facilities Plan.

Monitoring Measures: Number of annual meetings and communication with the School District and other appropriate agencies and groups.

- Policy 1.1.1:** Pursuant to the City's interlocal agreement, the City shall continue to coordinate with Miami-Dade County School Board and related agencies to insure adequate school facilities.
- Policy 1.1.2:** Annually review and comment upon the School Board's tentative 5-year capital facilities plan and provide information to the School Board on the plan's consistency with the City's CDMP and land development regulations.
- Policy 1.1.3:** Continue to work proactively with the School Board to substantially reduce school overcrowding in Miami Gardens' schools, improve the quality of schools through boundary changes, and create new schools.
- Policy 1.1.4:** Support Miami-Dade School Board's goal to meet 125% of Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) capacity for Year 2005 and 100% of FISH capacity for Year 2015.
- Policy 1.1.5:** Attend staff meetings and workshops open to the public held by the School Board where issues impacting Miami Gardens are addressed.
- Policy 1.1.6:** Provide requested socio-economic, permitting, rezoning and related information to Miami-Dade County and the School Board in order to facilitate accurate and updated annual student enrollment projections for Miami Gardens.

- Policy 1.1.7:** Invite a School Board staff representative to attend Local Planning Agency meetings where CDMP amendments or rezoning applications potentially impacting schools and residential density are being considered.
- Policy 1.1.8:** Include a School Board representative in the development review process for all residential zoning hearing applications and notify the School Board of any proposed land use applications that may affect school enrollment or school facilities.
- Policy 1.1.9:** Ensure that school-related development review applications address potential impact of the applicant's project upon the School Board's facilities, including but not limited to providing the appropriate and necessary technical analysis and letters of approval or disapproval, or similar data and commitments for a given project from the School Board.
- Policy 1.1.10:** Participate and coordinate with the School Board Site Planning and Construction process as needed, and review potential new sites for new schools, proposals for renovations, additions or closures to existing schools and their facilities.
- Policy 1.1.11:** Attend the annual planning forum hosted by the School Board's Site Planning and Construction Committee when the schools serving City residents are discussed.
- Policy 1.1.12:** The City shall evaluate potential school site acquisitions or expansion in Miami Gardens for consistency with the City's CDMP and land development regulations.
- Policy 1.1.13:** Coordinate with the School Board to address off-site and on-site improvements necessary to support new schools, proposed expansion of existing schools or mitigate traffic or other related impacts in the surrounding areas.
- Policy 1.1.14:** Involve the City Police Department and Miami-Dade Fire Department as participants in the development review process as and when necessary, to review all proposed construction or expansion of schools.

Objective 1.2: School Location

The City shall work with the school board to ensure that the location of new schools and expansion of existing public school facilities are fully accessible to residents and children via motorized vehicles, bicycles and walking in a safe manner, with minimal adverse neighborhood impacts, and when feasible, located adjacent to public facilities.

Monitoring Measures: The number of shared school facilities within the City.

Monitoring Measures: Linear feet of bikeways and sidewalks connecting schools with neighborhoods.

- Policy 1.2.1:** Schools may be located within any of the land use designations shown on the proposed Future Land Use Map, consistent with the City's land development regulations.
- Policy 1.2.2:** Encourage the location of new and expanding public schools to occur near residential neighborhoods while ensuring that adverse impacts to such communities are minimized.
- Policy 1.2.3:** Develop a citywide School Safety Enhancements Master Plan to address school safety, bike-pedestrian safety and education, and school related enhancements to benefit Miami Gardens public schools and its students.
- Policy 1.2.4:** Ensure that the City through its Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) promotes school safety enhancements by coordinating with the appropriate agencies.
- Policy 1.2.5:** Continue to participate, research and apply for grants related to various local and regional school traffic safety programs and promote related safety activities within the City's schools and their personnel.
- Policy 1.2.6:** Support the co-location of public facilities, including parks, libraries and community centers with Miami Gardens' public schools.

Objective 1.3: Non-Public Schools

The City shall work with non-public, charter and private school facilities to provide alternatives to its residents.

Monitoring Measures: Number of student seats added in new or existing charter or non-public, private schools.

Monitoring Measures: The number of non-public schools that comply with the City's land development regulations.

- Policy 1.3.1:** Investigate opportunities for creating charter schools within the City.
- Policy 1.3.2:** Facilitate developers/applicants in widening their options to fund and/or construct new school facilities to meet the public education demand within the City.
- Policy 1.3.3:** Coordinate with St. Thomas University, Florida Memorial University, and other related educational institutions to extend a greater array of adult education opportunities and special events/programs to benefit the residents of Miami Gardens.